

## Minooka Fire Department

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3 - Mutual Aid agreements also necessitates the use of VHF frequencies for interagency communications, since nearly all the area fire departments are on VHF now. Additionally, response to mutual aid requests often takes us well out of our district. Under the proposed rules change, we would lose contact with our units when out of the district, making it virtually impossible to recall them in the event they are needed for an emergency here.

The MINOOKA FIRE DEPARTMENT operates on a total budget of approximately \$180,000 per year. The proposed rules change would require expenditure of nearly 30 percent of our total budget just for the radio equipment necessary. Given the current climate of "No New Taxes" mandated by the taxpayers, I am distressed by this new mandate by the FCC. Be certain that I am trying to administer, in a responsible manner, the funds entrusted to me by the taxpayers to the Minooka Fire District. I see this rules change as just another unfunded government mandate, and I can only wonder if the major manufacturers are in collaboration with the Commission, since narrow-band equipment is now beginning to appear in the marketplace.

Thank you for taking time to examine my comments. I would appreciate any response.

Sincerely;

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Communications Officer

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